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Philippines*: draft resolution

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council

Recalling its resolution 1994/30 of 27 July 1994, in which it took note of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its fourteenth session, 1/

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 49/163 of 23 December 1994,

Recognizing the important role that the Institute plays in the substantive preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, to be held in 1995, and the role of the Institute with respect to the Conference,

Also recognizing the equally important contribution of the Institute in its area of expertise to activities related to the International Conference on

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

1/ E/1994/68 and Corr.1.

Population and Development, the World Summit for Social Development, the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the International Year of Older Persons,

Reaffirming the original mandate and distinct capacity of the Institute to carry out research and training for the advancement of women, as stipulated in General Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its fifteenth session and the decisions contained therein; 2/

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Board of Trustees at its fifteenth session; 3/

3. Takes note of the analysis done by the Board of Trustees and its recommendation that the Institute should also report to the Second Committee of the General Assembly under relevant agenda items, in order to improve coordination and synergy of its programmes with other economic and social issues; 4/

4. Notes the recommendation of the Board of Trustees that the Institute should implement the recommendations emanating from the Fourth World Conference on Women, especially those related to research and training needs for the advancement of women and coordinate effectively with United Nations bodies and agencies to avoid duplication; 5/

5. Commends the efforts of the Institute to address all levels of poverty that hamper so dramatically the advancement of women, through research and training activities in the areas of empowerment of women; statistics and indicators in gender issues; communications; women, natural resources and sustainable development; water and sanitation; waste management; renewable

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2/ E/1995/80.

3/ See E/1995/80.

4/ Ibid., para. 51.

5/ Ibid., para. 50.

sources of energy; and issues related to different population groups, such as older persons and displaced, refugee and migrant women;

6. Commends the Institute for its efforts to further develop active and close cooperation with the specialized and related agencies of the United Nations system, the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations University, the regional commissions and other organs, programmes and institutions, so as to promote programmes that contribute to the advancement of women;

7. Reiterates the importance of maintaining the level of resources devoted to independent research and related training activities, which are crucial for the situation of women;

8. Calls upon States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute through voluntary contributions and pledges to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, thus enabling the Institute to continue to respond effectively to its mandate.